

# THE INTELLIGENCER.

## LOCAL MATTERS.

**Nominations of candidates in usual order, not to exceed one each, high, police, and these changes are to be made strictly in accordance with the provisions of the act, and no exceptions whatever will be made to the rule.**

### BRIEF MENTION.

Judge Kershaw, Solicitor Cottrill, Gen. McGowan and Col. J. J. Norton were in attendance upon the Circuit Court this week.

Mrs. L. A. Arnstein has our thanks for a basket of delicious Apples sent us on last Monday. They are the only ones we have seen this year.

Mr. John M. Glenn brought to us on Monday, the 10th inst., some very nice ripe peaches of the Early Beatrice variety. They are coming in early this year.

Mr. R. E. Parker brought us as a curiosity a well-filled ear of corn with seven little ears growing on to the large end, which are also filled with full grains of corn.

Mr. D. S. White brought us some ripe Early Beatrice Peaches on the 10th inst., and informed us that he had them ripe enough to eat on the 3rd day of June. This shows what may be done at fruit growing in Anderson County.

We regret to announce the death of Mrs. S. A. Smith, of Ninety-Six, which occurred on last Saturday, after a short illness. Mrs. Smith was a sister of Mrs. J. H. Bewley, of this place, and had many friends in Anderson, who will regret to learn of her death.

Brushy Creek Democratic Club meets on Saturday, the 29th of June, at 2 o'clock p. m. Every member of the Club is requested to attend, as business of importance will be transacted. Col. W. S. Pickett, and other distinguished speakers, will address the Club.

The Hopewell Democratic Club meets regularly on Saturday before the first Sabbath in each month at two o'clock p. m. The following speakers have been requested to meet with the Club on the first Saturday in July next: D. F. Whitner, J. W. Norris, E. B. Murray, W. C. Brown.

We are requested to announce that there will be a meeting on next Saturday at 3 o'clock p. m. at the residence of J. H. Bewley, of the citizens of that vicinity for the purpose of forming a military company. Addresses may be expected from M. E. Mitchell, Esq., and others. A large meeting is desired.

Mr. Joseph Keys brought samples of his cotton crop to this office on Tuesday, to show the result of the hail. Every bud and leaf was knocked off, and if it had not been picked with the hand it could not have been more effectively done. Mr. Keys had a very fine crop before the storm, but it is damaged immensely, if not ruined, by the hail.

We have been requested to announce that a general picnic will be given at Ebenezer, in Martin township, on the 22d of June, to the public generally and the ladies especially are invited to attend. All who have ever attended one of these occasions in this locality will be sure to attend if possible, for they are invariably very pleasant, indeed.

The rain storm which visited the Western portion of Anderson County during the first of last week raised the waters of several streams very much, and did considerable mischief. The worst damage of which we have heard was the washing away of the dam of Mr. J. W. Prevost's upper mill and the flooding of the mill race. Mr. Prevost is busily engaged repairing, and will have it in running order this week.

The many relatives and friends of Mr. Franklin Burris, of California, formerly of this County, will regret to learn of his death, which occurred in his adopted State on the 20th of May last, from the falling of a bridge. Mr. Burris left this County about twenty-five years ago, and first settled in Texas, but subsequently moved to California. He was 51 years old, and was a brother of Mr. Newton Burris, of this County.

The drug stores of Anderson will, after next Monday and until further notice, close up at 6 o'clock in the afternoon as the other stores do. Persons who need medicine will have to remember this. Of course they will accommodate their patrons at any hour when there is an emergency for medicine, but in that event those desiring it will be put to the trouble of looking up the druggists, as their stores will be closed.

The hail storm of last Sunday did great damage to the gardens in Anderson, and broke out a quantity of glass. In Mr. D. S. Maxwell's green house 100 glass were broken, and in the Baptist Church 110, besides many in the Court House, on Granite Row and other houses. The hail stones were very large. We saw one after the other of several large ones which measured 6 1/2 inches around, and quantities that measured 4 1/2 inches.

Mr. H. B. Fant, the efficient Agent of the Southern Express Company at this place, informs us that special rates have been made for the shipment of fruits in bulk to Charleston and other cities. From Anderson to Charleston the rate is only 90 cents on the hundred pounds. Our fruit growers might find it profitable to arrange for shipping some of their crop this year, and any person desiring information as to the mode of packing, &c., can obtain it by inquiring of Mr. Fant at the depot.

The Cantata of "The Haymakers" will be given at Masonic Hall on Thursday and Friday evenings, (20th and 21st inst.). Admission, fifty cents; children under twelve, twenty-five cents. Doors opened at 7 o'clock; performance begins at 8 o'clock. Each evening the performance will be alike. "The Haymakers" is founded upon the incidents connected with the hay field and haymaking season. The performers will be in picturesque peasant costume. The Cantata concludes with the grand harvest home chorus. Tickets can be procured at the door.

After the hail and rain on last Sunday, the children of Mr. J. W. Prevost and some of his tenants were playing around the creek upon which his upper mill is located. The creek was very high, and flowing with considerable rapidity over its shallow bed, and a little daughter of Mr. Stotcher Key fell in the stream, and being unable to swim, would have drowned but for the heroism of little Charley Prevost, who plunged into the turbulent torrent and rescued her. It was a brave act, and does great credit to his moral courage as well as to his prowess as a swimmer, of which a man might well be proud.

Approx to the celebration which is to take place at the Old Star Fort, near Ninety Six next week, Mr. Samuel Browne, of Broadwater township, informs us that he has the wagon-boxes upon which the timbers and materials for constructing this fort were hauled. They are very large, being six to seven inches in diameter, and have been in this County for many years past. Mr. James Todd, of Revolutionary times, left them to his son James Todd, who left them to his son Peter Todd, who gave them to a son of Mr. Browne's family. Mr. Browne expresses his willingness to give one of them to the people of Ninety Six, if they wish it.

## TERRIBLE HAIL STORM.

On last Sunday our County was visited by the severest storm of rain and hail that has ever been witnessed in this section, and the effects coming after the season for crop planting has entirely passed will be immeasurably hurtful. The storm passed over Anderson in four sections, the first and last being rain principally, while the second and third contained the destructive hail. The storm began at about half past twelve, with an interval of about half past three-quarters of an hour between the first three showers, and an hour and a half between the two last. It was, however, virtually one storm, as the successive storm clouds tracked substantially the same course, each appearing to intensify the calamity and destruction inflicted by the one preceding. The storm had its origin west of the Georgia line, crossing the Tugalo River near Jarrett's bridge, and sweeping down to the fork of the two rivers at Andersonville, it came from almost a westerly direction over Anderson Court House, and on across the Saluda River, in Belton township, as far East as we have been able to hear of.

The destruction and ruin wrought by it cannot be adequately described, neither can it be imagined by those who have not witnessed a similar catastrophe. Fields were changed in a few moments from the beauty and luxuriance with which the summer crops clothe them to the barrenness of winter, or they were shattered and riven by the elements which fell from the skies until they were but a wreck to testify the ruin which had been wrought. To enumerate the persons who were injured would require more space than our whole paper affords. The mention even of those whose crops appear to have been totally destroyed would be impossible. Quite a number of sections claim to have been the most heavily damaged, and it is hard to decide between them, but as far as we can judge from accounts and observation, the section from two to five miles West of this place suffered heaviest, embracing the farms of Messrs. Keys, McCutty, Prevost and the neighbors on to Mr. Skelton's place. Mr. Howell, upon Mr. Prevost's Davis place, and many others had their crops bent on into stems and much of them washed away. No hillside ditches could retain the flood, and the damage to lands is as great as that to crops. The injuries from these storms will amount to thousands of dollars, and will nearly ruin many very worthy men.

### CIRCUIT COURT.

The June term of the Circuit Court for this County began on last Monday, Judge Kershaw presiding, and Solicitor Cottrill being at his post. The Judge, in charging the Grand Jury said:

It is made the duty of the Court before the grand jury to see that the law is enforced upon the general subject of your office for your guidance in the proper discharge of your duty. You represent a substitution taken from our English ancestors and are one of the safeguards of liberty. Our ancestors took care to maintain this institution in force for the benefit of the people. You should be drawn from different sections of the County to enable you to give a fair and impartial judgment in all cases that come before you. You are to be guided by the law, and the law is to be administered in a manner in which your public officers perform their duty, that the police and good order of the County may be maintained.

It is a matter of congratulation that the criminal calendar of your County is so light. It has been rare to find this for the last ten years. While there are not many cases, there are two of a most unfortunate character. It is much to be regretted that the usual course of the law is interrupted by life which prevails in all civilized countries has been blunted somewhat by the effects of the usual course of the law is interrupted by scenes of bloodshed and violence, and have not entirely gotten over it. Since then there has been another trouble of a social nature which is not only calculated to disturb the moral serenity of our people, but it too has past, and here, where I see this to diminish by a great measure, the happiness which beams from your countenances, it is time to return to the old virtues. One cause of bloodshed now is the carrying of concealed weapons, and this having the implements of death always at hand. No man ought to carry a weapon except when threatened by some special danger, and then he should use only in self-defense. It is a reprehensible custom. The peace and order of the community would be benefited by a general disarmament. Where men have time to think before acting, bloodshed will be less frequent.

There is another practice, which, combined with the preceding, is often the cause of bloodshed. I refer to the use of intoxicating liquors. I have not seen anything here to indicate any necessity for indulging in this subject, but from a varied experience I deem it proper to take this occasion to counsel abstinance from intoxicating liquors.

Mr. Foreman and gentlemen, I presume you have already been well instructed as to your duty. You will observe your oath fully and faithfully administer your office. The proceedings before you are entirely secret. This is to enable you to act without fear or favor. Secret proceedings in Court are a horror to justice, but it is necessary to justify the proceedings of a jury which are held in secret. Each member should feel that his action upon a jury can never be called into question. To pry into their matters, or to disclose them, would be punishable as a contempt of Court. The Judge hears evidence of the law punishing rape and arson with death, and burglary with imprisonment for life. Also, of the law to protect insectivorous birds, and the act to punish whoever is guilty of beating or unmerciful driving, which is punishable with a fine of \$10 or fifteen days' imprisonment. Also, the act against stealing live stock, which is punishable by imprisonment from one to ten years. The Judge next instructed them as to the manner of their findings.

He directed them to examine the various public officers of the County and report. This inquiry should be fair and just. The public officer should not be made a target for prejudices or malice. If he discharges his duties faithfully, he deserves the highest praise. If he is guilty of any crime, you will report only such officers as are false to their trusts, in order to promote the efficiency of the public service. He continued to instruct the jury upon the adoption of the new law. It shows an enlightened and progressive public sentiment, and I think you will be vindicated your claim to the high and enlightened position you occupy in the State. You are far ahead of others in this respect, and no doubt the enhancement of the value of your lands and the other benefits this law will confer on you will prove that you have conferred a valuable blessing upon posterity as well as upon yourselves.

The only case tried was the State vs. Franklin Garrison, colored, for killing Robert Green, colored, in a quarrel about a pot near Williamson. A jury, of which Mr. John M. Glenn was foreman, was empaneled, and after an able defense of the prisoner by Messrs. McGowan, Moore & Allen, the speech of Solicitor Cottrill, and the charge of the Judge, the jury retired, and in about thirty minutes returned a verdict of guilty of manslaughter, with a recommendation to mercy. The prisoner was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary.

After the transaction of civil business the Court adjourned on Wednesday morning. The people and the members of the bar were delighted with Judge Kershaw's able and judicious and refined gentleman. He is an ornament to the organized Bench of the State.

### THE DEAD SHIP.

A meeting of this Company is called for the last Saturday in this month, 29th inst., to transact very important business. The attention of some officers, &c., &c. All members are urgently requested to attend with out fail.

In order of the Captain.

JOHN A. H. BRINSON, Orderly Sergeant.

For a delicious aromatic coffee, stimulating and invigorating in its immediate and permanent effects, and does great credit to his moral courage as well as to his prowess as a swimmer, of which a man might well be proud.

## SERENADE.

On last Monday night the Anderson Patriotic Band, together with a number of the citizens of the town and surrounding country, repaired to the Mayor's House for the purpose of serenading Judge Kershaw and Solicitor Cottrill. A fine and excellent music from the Band Judge Kershaw was loudly called for, and was introduced by Dr. R. F. Diver as one of Carolina's noblest and purest sons, and an honest Judge. Judge Kershaw then responded in substance as follows:

*Follow Citizens and Gentlemen of the Band:* While I appreciate most highly your kind and beautiful compliment which you pay me, and while no one has a higher love of music, or enjoys listening to its strains more than the silver light of yonder moon as they come to the ear upon the breezes fresh from your mountain clime, and as I realize with gratitude the kindness which prompts you in this demonstration, I must confess that I am embarrassed in making my acknowledgments to you. But when I accepted the office of Judge, which your representatives bestowed upon me, I decided to accept as my mentors the Whitner, O'Neal, Wardlaw, Harpster and others, who adorned the Bench, and did not seek approval from the public speaking. On this subject I am reminded of the maxim of Lord Coke, who said a true judge of the law is not a man of cymbal. I am an old man now, but I can yet appreciate the beauties of the quartette moonlight, love, and flowers, and while I enjoy the others at night I will leave the crier, love, to you young men.

After more music, Col. Cottrill was called for, and was introduced by Dr. Diver as the coming man of upper South Carolina. Col. Cottrill said:

My friends, I am here; and I have never seen the summer moon so bright and shining brighter, I have never heard the music sound sweeter. Mrs. Cochran's fried chicken has been in better health than the Democracy is at work, and there is a prospect of better times. But what is the enemy? We are ready to meet him. In February of last I supposed we would have had our war point on and the campaign have been opened before this, but everything is calm and serene. We are having all our own way, but remember to keep your powder dry. The enemy may organize in an hour, and we will need the effort of 1876 again. I have no idea of losing what we have gained. It cost too much labor, time, enthusiasm and human life. The colored people are satisfied. Peace and low prices prevail, and all South Carolina ought to be Democratic. If a man, black or white, can't approve the Democratic government, he ought to have the remedy of a sick child. The mother hates to give it bad medicine, but if necessary she gives it. So we mean to give the colored people Democracy. We prefer them to take it, but if they won't do it any other way, we will give it to them like a dose of oil. It is not to be taken, if we have to drench it down them. There are no issues before us now, but be ready. We must be like the doctor who would cure a case of cramp colic. A man's wife asked if he could cure it. He replied that he did not know about that, but he would cure it. We must be like that. We must hold the Government long enough. We must not only hold it, but we must make it better.

The party then repaired to the residence of Maj. John B. Moore to serenade Gen. McGowan. In response to the calls for Gen. McGowan, Maj. John B. Moore appeared, and expressed gratification at the compliment thus paid to him. He was introduced to the two young men, and said that two years ago he was a glorious victory; that it was now our duty to maintain it; and that it gave him pleasure to introduce to the audience a man who did as much to achieve the victory of 1876 as any other man in South Carolina, Gen. Samuel McGowan.

After prolonged applause, Gen. McGowan responded by thanking them for the compliment they had paid him, and that he always looked forward to a pleasant time in Anderson whenever he came, because our people were so kind and hospitable. He did not know what to speak about at this time. Everything is quiet in politics. There are no issues before us now. The campaign has not opened yet, but we are mustering our strength for the coming battle. We are not a quarter of the way ready for action. You opened the campaign on the first day of September last time. It will probably begin a month sooner this time, as our State Convention meets on the first day of August to nominate a State ticket. We do not know yet what issues will be raised, but we will be ready to meet them. We are acting on the motto of the rifleman who advised another whose gun missed fire to pick up his flint and try it again. We are picking up our flint to try it again, and expect to improve on what we did before. 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